

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A system for exchanging media content, comprising:
a communications device operatively coupled to a network and to an antenna, the communications device providing two-way communications with the network and providing one-way communications with the antenna,
wherein the communications device can receive broadcast media content from the antenna and from the network,
wherein the communications device can send the received broadcast media content and personal media content to the network, the personal media content being different from the received broadcast media content, and
~~wherein the communications device can receive the media content from the network~~
wherein the communications device presents a plurality of media channels by which to access the received broadcast media content and the personal media content, and
wherein the communications device pushes a selected media channel of the plurality of media channels over the network.

2. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the antenna comprises a dish antenna.

3. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the communications device comprises a software platform that can provide at least one of a user-interface functionality, a distributed storage functionality and a networking functionality.

4. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the communications device comprises a software platform that can provide at least one of device registration, channel setup, program setup, management and security.

5. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the communications device is adapted to provide at least one of distributed a networking capability, an archival functionality, a temporary storage capability, a storage manager and a digital rights manager.

6. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the network comprises a telephony network.

7. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the network comprises an Internet infrastructure.

8. (Original) The system according to claim 7,
wherein the Internet infrastructure is coupled to a telephony network, and
wherein the communications device provides two-way communications with telephony network.

9. (Original) The system according to claim 1,
wherein the network comprises a telephony network, a telephony network headend and a satellite system headend,
wherein the communications device provides two-way communications with the telephony network headend via the telephony network, and
wherein the communications device provides two-way communications with the satellite system headend via the telephony network.

10. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 9,
wherein the communications device can request the broadcast media content from the satellite system headend via the telephony network, and
wherein the communications device receives the requested broadcast media content via the antenna.

11. (Original) The system according to claim 10, wherein the communications device receives acknowledge information relating to the broadcast media content request from the satellite system headend via the telephony network.

12. (Original) The system according to claim 9, wherein at least one of the telephony network headend and the satellite system headend comprises a modem that supports at least one of an upconverter, a modulator, a router, a firewall and an intranet infrastructure.

13. (Original) The system according to claim 9,
wherein the communications device receives a broadcast media guide from the satellite system headend,
wherein the communications device receives a personal media guide from the telephony network headend, and
wherein the communications device generates a unified media guide by processing the received broadcast media guide and the received personal media guide.

14. (Original) The system according to claim 9,
wherein telephony network headend receives a broadcast media guide from the satellite system headend,

wherein telephony network headend receives a personal media guide from the communications device, and

wherein telephony network headend generates a unified media guide by processing the received broadcast media guide and the received personal media guide.

15. (Original) The system according to claim 14, wherein the telephony network headend sends the unified media guide to the communications device.

16. (Original) The system according to claim 9, wherein the telephony network headend is a digital subscriber line (DSL) headend.

17. (Original) The system according to claim 16,
wherein the telephony network comprises a DSL infrastructure, and
wherein the communications device provides two-way communications with the DSL headend via a DSL modem and the DSL infrastructure.

18. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein the communications device is a first communications device and the system further comprising:

a second communications device coupled to the network, the second communications device providing two-way communications with the network,

wherein the second communications device can send the respective broadcast media content and respective personal media content to the first communications device via the network, and

~~wherein the second communications can receive the media content from communications device via the network~~

wherein the second communications device receives the pushed selected media channel from the first communications device,

wherein the second communications device presents a respective plurality of media channels by which to access the respective received broadcast media content and the respective personal media content, the respective personal media content being different from the respective received broadcast media content, and

wherein the plurality of media channels presented by the second communications device is updated to reflect the received media channel that was pushed by the first communications device.

19. (Original) The system according to claim 18,
wherein the communications device is disposed at a first location, and
wherein the second communications device is disposed in a second location.

20. (Original) The system according to claim 18,
wherein the communications device is disposed in a first home environment, and
wherein the second communications device is disposed in a second home environment.

21. (Original) The system according to claim 18, wherein the second communications device is coupled to the network via a headend.

22. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, further comprising:
a media server coupled to the network,
wherein the communications device can receive at least some of the broadcast media content and at least some of the personal media content from the media server via the network.

23. (Currently Amended) A method for exchanging media content, comprising:
adapting a communications device to provide two-way communications with a network;
adapting the communications device to provide one-way communications with an antenna;
receiving, by the communications device, broadcast media content from the antenna and from the network;
~~receiving, by the communications device, the media content from the network; and~~
sending, by the communications device, personal media content and the received broadcast media content to the network, the personal media content being non-broadcast media content;
presenting, by the communications device, a plurality of media channels by which to access the personal media content and the received broadcast media content;
pushing, by the communications device, a selected media channel of the plurality of media channels over the network;
receiving, by the communications device, a personal media channel that was pushed over the network; and
updating the presented plurality of media channels to reflect the received pushed personal media channel.

24. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 23, further comprising:
requesting, by the communications device, the broadcast media content from a satellite headend that is part of the network;
receiving, by the communications device, acknowledge information relating to the requested broadcast media content from the satellite headend; and
receiving, by the communications device, the requested broadcast media content from the antenna.

25. (Original) The method according to claim 23, further comprising:
receiving, by the communications device, a personal media guide from a telephony network headend that is part of the network;
receiving, by the communications device, a broadcast media guide from a satellite headend that is part of the network; and
generating, by the communications device, a unified media guide based on at least the received personal media guide and the received broadcast media guide.

26. (Original) The method according to claim 23, further comprising:
receiving, by a telephony network headend that is part of the network, a personal media guide from the communications device;
receiving, by the telephony network headend, a broadcast media guide from a satellite headend that is part of the network; and
generating, by the telephony network headend, a unified media guide based on at least the received personal media guide and the received broadcast media guide.

27. (Original) The method according to claim 26, further comprising:
sending the unified media guide to the communications device.

28. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 23, wherein the communications device is a first communications device and the method further comprising:
sending pushing, by the first communications device disposed in a first building, at least some of the personal media content and at least some of the received broadcast media content to another a second communications device, the second communications device being disposed in a second building and being coupled to the network; and

revising a media guide presented by the second communications device to include the pushed broadcast media content and the pushed personal media content received by the second communications device.

29. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~23~~ 28, ~~further comprising:~~
~~receiving, by the communications device, the media content from another~~
~~communications device coupled to the network~~ wherein the media guide presented by the second
communications device is revised by adding one or more media channels that provide access to
the pushed broadcast media content received by the second communications device and by
adding one or more additional media channels that provide access to the pushed personal media
content.